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SUBJECT: NOMINEES FOR ECOWAS POSITIONS

REF: STATE 278230 (NOTAL); ABIDJAN 11614

1. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT PRESIDENT
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TOLBERT HAS APPOINTED ALEXANDER ROMEO HORTON AS THE MANAGING
DIRECTOR OF ECOWAS'S FUND FOR COOPERATION, COMPENSATION AND
DEVELOPMENT. HORTON ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO THE
LOME MEETING.

2. HORTON WAS BORN ON AUGUST 20, 1923 IN MONROVIA TO NATURALIZED

LIBERIAN CITIZENS. HE HAS A B.A. AND D.D.
(HON.) FROM MOREHOUSE COLLEGE AND MBA FROM WHARTON SCHOOL OF
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. HE SERVED AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY DURING 1964-69. AMONG MANY POSITIONS HE NOW
HOLDS ARE DEAN OF COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
OF UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA, PRESIDENT OF BANK OF LIBERIA (IN WHICH
CHEMICAL BANK HAS SUBSTANTIAL EQUITY INTEREST AND PROVIDES
KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL) AND PRESIDENT OF LIBERIAN BANKERS
ASSOCIATION. HORTON AND TOLBERT FAMILIES ARE TWO LARGEST
LIBERIAN SHAREHOLDERS IN THIS BANK. HORTON HAS SERVED ON MANY
LIBERIAN DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCES.

3. HORTON IS A TALL MAN WITH LARGE PROMINENT FOREHEAD. HE
IS ARTICULATE AND A POISED PUBLIC SPEAKER. INTELLIGENT AND
ALERT, HE IS ALWAYS WELL-DRESSED. HIS WIFE IS MEMBER OF
PROMINENT COOPER FAMILY. ALTHOUGH HIS PARENTS WERE NEWCOMERS
TO LIBERIA, HE HAS WON ACCEPTANCE AMONG THE RULING ELITE
THROUGH HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4. FYI: THERE IS SPECULATION IN MONROVIA THAT CANDIDATE FOR
POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF ECOWAS IS THE IVORIAN
AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA A. GEORGES ANOMA.

5. WE UNDERSTAND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENTS
TO THESE TWO POSITIONS WILL BE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY WHEN GIV HAS MADE
FINAL DECISION
ITS NOMINEE.
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